

# OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

June 1, 2023

TO:

The Honorable Josh Shapiro Governor Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

FROM:

Randy Padfield Director, PA Emergency Management Agency

#### TIME PERIOD:

This report covers the period from 0600 hours, May 31, 2023, through 0600 hours, June 1, 2023.

**STATUS REPORT:** (as of 0600 hours)

### **THREAT STATUS:**

**National Terrorism Advisory System**: The United States remains in a heightened threat environment. Lone offenders and small groups motivated by a range of ideological beliefs and personal grievances continue to pose a persistent and lethal threat to the Homeland. Both domestic violent extremists (DVEs) and those associated with foreign terrorist organizations continue to attempt to motivate supporters to conduct attacks in the Homeland, including through violent extremist messaging and online calls for violence. In the coming months, factors that could mobilize individuals to commit violence include their perceptions of the 2024 general election cycle and legislative or judicial decisions pertaining to sociopolitical issues. Likely targets of potential violence include US critical infrastructure, faith-based institutions, individuals, or events associated with the LGBTQIA+ community, schools, racial and ethnic minorities, and government facilities and personnel, including law enforcement.

Effective: 5/24/2023 1400 hours to 11/24/2023 1400 hours.

Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) Status: Normal Operations

**County EOC Activations: None** 

Municipal EOC Activations: None

**CAPABILITIES STATUS:** 

PA All-Hazards Type-3 Incident Management/ Team - Mission Capable PA-Task Force 1 (PA-TF1) - Mission Capable

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE STATUS:**

Major Road Closures: None

**Power Outage Reports**: As of 0530 hours, 126 customers

**Telephone Outage Reports**: None

#### **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:**

# OPEN:

**SHOOTING INCIDENT – Philadelphia County, 6/1/23 –** A shooting occurred near the Health Sciences Center Campus of Temple University in Philadelphia City. Three adult victims, ages 18, 22, and 25, were able to walk into the hospital and all are in stable condition. There were no injuries in the hospital even though the façade of the building was struck with an unknown number of bullets. 41 casings were found in the area by police. No weapon was recovered, and no arrests have been made.

**MEPA – Lycoming County, 5/31/23 –** A MEPA was issued for a 75-year-old male last seen in the area of Bloomingrove Road in Loyalsock Township on 5/30/23 at 1200 hours. He is described as being 5'6", gray hair, blue eyes, wearing a blue polo shirt, Christmas pajama pants, and tan shoes. Police believe he may be at special risk of harm or injury or may be confused.

**AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT – York County, 5/31/23 –** A small airplane with two people on board crashed on I-76 at the Harrisburg West Interchange in Fairview Township. The decelerations ramps were closed in both directions along with the eastbound acceleration ramp. Both subjects were transported to the hospital. DEP reported a minimal amount of foam was used for vapor suppression, but there was no impact to storm drains or waterways. Lewis Environmental removed the fuel from the plane. All ramps have been reopened and the Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the crash.

**POSSIBLE EXPLOSIVES FOUND – Schuylkill County, 5/31/23 –** Possible explosives were found by a contractor working in the attic of an apartment in Girardville Borough. PSP evacuated a total of eight structures. More devices were later found in multiple parts of the structure. Reading Fire Bomb Squad responded to the scene to assist with the devices.

**RECYCLING FACILITY FIRE – Philadelphia County, 5/31/23 –** A three-alarm fire occurred at Martin's Recycling Center in Philadelphia City. The hazmat taskforce responded for water runoff and air quality monitoring. Public Health issued a press release declaring that residents in the area could return to their normal routines as no toxic compounds were identified at the site at levels that would be a threat to public health. There were no issues found. Amtrak train service was advised to use caution when traveling by the area since the tracks were near the fire. Emergency units remain on scene for several pockets of fire. Philadelphia Department of

**ROW HOUSE FIRE – Northampton County, 5/29/23 –** Emergency units responded to an active row house fire on the 900 block of Ferry Street in Easton City. It is estimated that approximately 15 homes were impacted. In addition to multiple fire departments from the county, units from surrounding counties and Phillipsburg, Warren County in New Jersey also responded to the scene. Two firefighters were transported to a local hospital; one from Wilson Borough and the other from Phillipsburg, Warren County, New Jersey. The fire was placed under control and mutual aid fire units were released. Easton Fire Department units remained on scene overnight on fire watch. The American Red Cross established a shelter at Paxinosa

Elementary School for affected residents. On 5/30/23, the county reported a total of 19 residences within 15 buildings were affected. Three of the properties were multi-unit housing containing two apartments, the remaining 12 homes were single family dwellings. Of the 19 residential units a total of 10 were destroyed, five suffered major damages, one experienced minor damage, and three were affected, but are currently uninhabitable. The American Red Cross anticipates assisting about 60 or more residents after they complete contacting all the affected households. The shelter located at Paxinosa Elementary School was expected to close by 1900 hours on 5/30/23.

MISSING PERSON SEARCH DETAIL - Chester County, 5/3/23 - A search was conducted for a 20-year-old male who was last seen on foot in the area of the 1200 block of New Hampshire Lane in West Bradford Township on 5/3/23 at 2215 hours. He is described as being six feet two inches tall, 160 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, pierced ears, wearing a grey North Face hoodie with green trim, blue jeans, and crocs. The male suffers from PTSD, autism, mutism, and a diminished mental capacity. He may run from the police department and not know his full name. County canine units assisted with the search; however, search operations ceased with the male not located. A Missing Endangered Person Advisory (MEPA) was issued on 5/4/23 at 1141 hours.

COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE FIRE - Berks County, 3/24/23 - A four-alarm fire with explosion occurred at the R.M. Palmer Candy Company in West Reading Borough. A level 2 Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) was declared, and Emergency Medical Services and MCI trailers were requested from Lebanon County. Due to significant structural damage and partial collapse, a grid search of the incident area was initiated. A resource request was made for a modified Type 4 Urban Search and Rescue team to include collapse engineers, canine search teams (live and cadaver), technical search, rescue specialists, and logistic and planning personnel. A three-mile temporary flight restriction was issued around the incident but was lifted at 2235 hours last evening. Norfolk Southern rail traffic was paused in the area due to debris on the railroad tracks. As of 0606 hours this morning, rail traffic has resumed with a five-mph restriction due to instability of buildings in the area. A shelter in place order was issued for residents along Franklin Street. The PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) was requested to assist with traffic control at the exits of US-422 to Penn Avenue and at the intersection of Penn and 4th Avenues. The county Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was at an enhanced level. They stood down at 0130 hours this morning. On 3/25/23, five apartments at Penn Avenue and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street were deemed uninhabitable. The American Red Cross is assisting the residents and reported there is no need for a shelter. Search efforts have been completed. PATF-1 has demobilized and departed for home base. Both eastbound and westbound lanes of Penn Avenue and the off ramps from US-422 eastbound and westbound reopened. On 3/28/23, the National Transportation Safety Board opened an investigation into the explosion and fire.

**TRAIN DERAILMENT - Columbiana County, Ohio, 2/3/23** - On 2/3/23 at 2130 hours, mutual aid crews from Beaver County responded to a train derailment near Taggart Street, East Palestine, Ohio. Approximately 53 railcars derailed and some of them caught fire. There were five cars of vinyl chloride within the wreckage. Around 2330 hours a call was received from an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 3 representative, and they advised there was no current impact to PA. EPA Region 5 and Ohio EPA set up air monitoring equipment and they also used handheld monitors, and nothing was detected. Members of the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Southwest Regional Office were also onsite monitoring through daylight and maintained a presence until there was no threat to PA. An IMAAC model showed a potential impact to residences in PA if harmful chemicals were released from any of the derailed cars. Beaver County EMA Coordinator reported that they followed Columbiana County, Ohio's lead and a message was sent out to 16 registered users

in the one-mile zone to shelter in place. Ohio later changed their message to an evacuation, but Beaver County remained as a shelter in place due to no residences being impacted. Shell Monaca was provided green foam to help extinguish the fires. Clean-up contractors from SPSI and Hepaco responded to the scene. Norfolk Southern reported a rail car was venting so it was decided that there would be no offensive fire attack. The shelter in place order remained in effect for Beaver County. Beaver County sent tankers from nine departments and an engine to assist in drafting from a lake in town once the railroad deemed it was safe. As of 2/5/23, Columbiana County, Ohio EMA recommended a one-mile evacuation around the incident due to one of the vinyl chloride rail cars showing a temperature increase. This included the 10 homes that were sheltering in place within Beaver County. Local police advised the residents of those homes and an additional 12 homes of the evacuation recommendation. On 2/6/23, all 22 homes in the PA evacuation zone were evacuated. Beaver County Animal Response Team (CART) requested assistance for trailers from Washington and Westmoreland Counties to assist with evacuation of farm animals from Kindred Spirits Rescue Farm. The recommended evacuation zone remained at one mile. PA-51 was closed to PA-168. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) ordered a partial activation of the Commonwealth Response Coordination Center (CRCC) at 1100 hours and Beaver County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) partially activated. A planned controlled detonation was performed to empty five rail cars into a trench to burn off the vinyl chloride. A local hospital reported three patients from the Chippewa area and one from East Palestine complaining of burning eyes and chest pains. Norfolk Southern established a Family Assistance Center for affected residents in New Waterford, Ohio; Beaver Valley Intermediate School remained open. On 2/7/23, the plume from the controlled detonation on 2/6/23 dissipated with no significant air detection identified by EPA Region 3 or PA DEP. Norfolk Southern conducted wrecking operations of damaged cars at the sight. A single hopper train was intentionally breached so that it could burn freely to help clear debris from the railway. All previously damaged train cars were removed from the track and replacement track installation occurred. Normal readings were reported by the Ohio Civil Support Team after monitoring the inside of three residences. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources reported approximately 1,800 fish killed within the streams and creeks that were affected. Two firefighters from Darlington Township, Beaver County had trouble breathing after washing their apparatus and one sought medical attention. Air monitoring continued and there were no contaminates or concerns. The PEMA CRCC demobilized on 2/8/23 at 1600 hours. All roads that were closed in PA, including PA-51, were reopened. On 2/9/23, Darlington Township EMA completed door to door notifications advising residents that were evacuated of the availability of well testing and bottled water. Additionally, there are only 20 total homes in the evacuated area, not 22 which was previously reported. 19 of the notifications have been completed and they continued attempting to contact the remaining resident. The Beaver County EOC deactivated at 1200 hours on 2/10/23. A public inquiry line remains operational. On 2/14/23, the EPA identified three other chemicals that were part of the train. They continue to monitor the air and waterways for contamination. On 2/23/23, PEMA, in conjunction with the Departments of Health (DOH) and Environmental Protection, launched a website to provide information to Commonwealth residents about the derailment. On 2/28/23, the Pennsylvania Department of Health opened a Health Resource Center in Darlington Township, Beaver County for residents of Beaver and Lawrence counties who have health concerns following the Norfolk Southern train derailment. On 3/1/23, door-to-door surveys were conducted for 22 households within the 1-mile evacuation zone. Additional discussion led to a decision to do CDC outreach (door knocking) within the 2-mile radius in Pennsylvania, which will begin on 3/2/23. Approximately 450 healthcare providers participated in three webinars conducted on 2/28/23 and 3/1/23 for major medical providers in the Southwestern Region. Sample testing and review on Norfolk Southern soil sampling continues by Commonwealth agencies. The EPA Region 3 Director accompanied by staff, Pennsylvania Senator Casey, and Representative Deluzio toured the site on 3/2/23. On Monday, 3/6/23, Pennsylvanian Governor Shapiro announced that Norfolk

Southern has agreed to pay Pennsylvania millions of dollars for the impacts of the train derailment. Norfolk Southern agreed to reimburse local fire departments to replace contaminated or damaged equipment used during the response to the derailment, to provide funds for a Community Relief Fund to be run by officials in Beaver and Lawrence counties, and to reimburse state agencies (DEP, DOH, and PEMA) for associated costs. Norfolk Southern will collect soil samples by March 9th with representatives from the EPA will be present. Removal of the train tracks closest of Pennsylvania began over the weekend and was completed 3/5/23. Excavation of the contaminated soil began, and odors are expected to be released into the air. Air monitoring will be increased during the process which is expected to take at least three to four days depending on the depth of the contaminants in the soil. The EPA requested Norfolk Southern to provide additional financial assistance to residents within one mile of the derailment site if they are impacted by the odors released during the excavation of the soil which the company has agreed too. Pennsylvania state agencies will support another East Palestine Community Resource Fair this Thursday at the East Palestine High School. Beaver County will coordinate a separate Community Resource Fair for Pennsylvania residents for next week which the state agencies will support. U.S. Senator Bob Casey completed a quick tour and talk at the Health Resource Center Monday morning. A Norfolk Southern contracted company has sampled 16 private wells in Pennsylvania. DEP has sampled 27 private wells in the area as of Monday with more sampling excepted 3/7/23. On 3/8/23 DHS coordinated a call with Beaver and Lawrence counties about the possibility of applying for a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Emergency Response Grant (SERG) to provide funding for additional behavioral health services that may be required following this incident. DOH and PEMA also participated in the call. Excavation work at the site was temporarily stopped due to elevated readings and release of odor. The pit has currently been covered as Unified Command decides how to move forward. Beaver County will coordinate a separate Community Resource Fair, supported by appropriate state agencies, for Pennsylvania residents on March 16, 2023, from 1800-2000 hours at the Darlington Township Fire Department. The excavation of the soil at the south tracks of the derailment site is mostly complete. As of 3/13/23, Norfolk Southern is waiting on soil samples to come back from the elevated spots that were detected. Due to contaminants being detected during the initial excavation, at 2-4", additional sampling was done at 12-15" to make sure all contaminated soil is removed. Soil excavation for the north track is still in the planning process. As of 3/16/23, the excavation of the soil at the south tracks of the derailment site is complete. If the results from the soil samples are within acceptable limits, it will take about a week to reinstall the tracks on the south side. The Health Resource Center (HRC) completed its final daily operational period at 1400, 3/16/23. The HRC will operate on Thursdays beginning 3/23/23. Excavation of the north track and removal of contaminated soil and water continues. OSHA has joined the on-site operations to provide support to the safety officer and ensure that the community and personnel are safe during operations. EPA Region 5 conducted an information session focused on air quality and air monitoring on 4/27/23. Activities are ongoing.

#### **CLOSED:**

**AIRCRAFT INCIDENT – Philadelphia County, 5/31/23 –** A Gulfstream Aerospace Jetprop Commander landed on runway 35 and the nose gear collapsed at the Philadelphia International Airport in the City of Philadelphia. There were no injuries due to the incident. The Federal Aviation Administration completed their investigation, and the airplane was towed from the runway.

**TOWNHOUSE FIRE – Washington County, 5/31/23 –** A three-alarm fire occurred on the 1100 block of Old Farm Road in Cecil Township. Seven town homes were affected. A Cecil

Township police officer was transported to the hospital with a leg injury. The fire was extinguished, and all units cleared the scene.

**TERRAIN RESCUE – Lehigh County, 5/31/23 –** A 16-year-old male twisted his ankle and was unable to walk while on the Appalachian Trail near the Allentown shelter in Lynn Township. Emergency units extracted the patient from the trail.

**FIRE AT FACILITY – Crawford County, 5/31/23 –** A two-alarm fire, involving Nitric Acid, occurred at Acutec in Vernon Township. Forty-three employees were evacuated from the building with no injuries reported. No chemicals were released outside the building. DEP was notified and will be following up with the facility.

#### **DISASTER DECLARATIONS:**

- 3/4/23 Fayette County issued a disaster declaration due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the area on 3/3-4/23.
- 3/4/23 The City of Connellsville, Fayette County issued a disaster declaration due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the area on 3/3-4/23.
- 3/4/23 Menallen Township, Fayette County issued a disaster declaration due to adverse weather and storm damage throughout the area on 3/3-4/23.
- 12/15/22 Carbon County issued a Disaster Declaration due to adverse weather that passed through the area on 12/14-15/22.
- 11/29/22 Newell Borough in Fayette County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to adverse weather that passed through the area on 11/27/22.
- 11/28/22 Declarations of Disaster Emergency were issued for Dunlevy, Coal Center, Roscoe, Elco, Stockdale, and Allenport boroughs in Washington County due to adverse weather that passed through the area on 11/27/22.
- 9/12/22 The Borough of Cranesville in Erie County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the borough's refuse collector suddenly going out of business on 8/15/22 causing a public health emergency.
- 9/10/22 Yoe Borough in York County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damages from flash flooding from a significant rainstorm on 8/5/22.
- 9/2/22 West Taylor Township in Cambria County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damage caused by a severe storm on 8/21/22.
- 8/23/22 East Taylor Township in Cambria County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damage caused by a severe storm on 8/21/22.
- 8/23/22 Middle Taylor Township in Cambria County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to damage caused by a severe storm on 8/21/22.
- 8/19/22 The U.S. Small Business Administration issued SBA disaster declaration #17579 and 17580 / PA-00120 for flash flooding that occurred on 8/5/22. The primary county affected is Westmoreland, and the contiguous counties affected are Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler,

- Cambria, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, and Washington. The application period for economic injury loan applications expired on 5/19/22.
- 6/28/22 North Strabane Township in Washington County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a landslide that occurred on 4/17/22 within the Majestic Hills neighborhood.
- 5/11/22 Bridgewater Borough in Beaver County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a landslide that occurred on 5/7/22 in the area of 1000 Sharon Road.
- 4/14/22 Lower Makefield Township in Bucks County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a Ransomware cyber-attack affecting township government systems.
- 3/3/22 West Mahoning Township in Indiana County issued a Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to a structure fire involving the municipal building. The Declaration was extended on 3/17/22 and again on 5/18/22.
- 2/21/22 Elected officials from Jenner Township in Somerset County signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the response to the fuel oil spill on Quemahoning Creek.
- 1/30/22 Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey signed a Declaration of Disaster Emergency for the City of Pittsburgh in response to the Fern Hollow Bridge collapse.
- 1/29/22 Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf signed a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for Allegheny County in response to the collapse of Fern Hollow Bridge in Pittsburgh.
- 9/10/21 The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments, and individuals affected by the remnants of Hurricane IDA between 8/31/21 and 9/5/21. The declaration includes Individual Assistance to individuals and households in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Philadelphia, and York Counties, and assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in all areas of the Commonwealth. Public Assistance is under review. The President approved the declaration on 9/10/21 under Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4618-DR. 9/24/21 - Amendment No. 1 designates Bedford and Northampton Counties for Individual Assistance. 10/8/21 - Amendment No. 2 designates Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance). 10/14/21 – Amendment No. 3 designates Bedford, Philadelphia, and York Counties for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance). Plus, Fulton, Huntingdon, Luzerne, and Schuylkill Counties for Public Assistance. 10/20/21 -Amendment No. 4 designates Delaware County for Public Assistance (already designated for Individual Assistance), and Dauphin County for Public Assistance.
- 8/31/21 The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 8/31/21 in response to severe weather event Hurricane Ida that impacted the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania causing widespread threats of serious flash and riverine flooding and other adverse impacts throughout the Commonwealth.
- 10/5/20 The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requested that President Trump declare a major disaster for nine Pennsylvania counties in the wake of devastating flooding caused by Tropical Storm Isaias in August 2020. The request included Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, and Philadelphia counties.

- 8/11/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Philadelphia County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.
- 8/4/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County for events and damages related to Tropical Storm Isaias.
- 3/30/20 Governor Tom Wolf requested a major disaster declaration from the President through the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide additional support for state, county and municipal governments and certain nonprofits, as well as individuals who are struggling during the COVID-19 outbreak. The request for a major disaster declaration will provide the same emergency protective measures available under the nationwide emergency proclamation; the following Individual Assistance programs: Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Community Disaster Loans, and the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Program; and Statewide Hazard Mitigation. The President approved the declaration on 3/30/20 under Major Disaster Declaration FEMA-4506-DR.
- 3/19/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Elk, Mercer, Monroe, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, and Susquehanna Counties in response to the COVID 19 outbreak.
- 3/18/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Adams, Allegheny, Butler, Clearfield, Forest, Greene, Pike, and Schuylkill Counties in response to the COVID 19 outbreak.
- 3/17/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Cambria, Cameron, Clarion, Clinton, Crawford, Cumberland, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Northumberland, Potter, Warren, and Washington Counties in response to the COVID 19 outbreak.
- 3/16/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bedford, Beaver, Blair, Cameron, Carbon, Columbia, Erie, Franklin, Huntington, Indiana, Jefferson, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Lycoming, McKean, Perry, Tioga, Wayne, Wyoming, and York Counties in response to the COVID 19 outbreak.
- 3/15/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Luzerne County in response to the COVID 19 outbreak.
- 3/14/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Centre and Westmoreland Counties in response to the COVID 19 outbreak.
- 3/13/20 An Emergency Declaration for Public Assistance Emergency Protective Measures was issued on March 13, 2020, for all Pennsylvania counties to cover eligible costs that are directly associated with the Emergency Protective Measures being taken to respond to and protect the residents of Pennsylvania from the COVID-19 virus. The designation is EM-3441.
- 3/13/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Bradford, Bucks, Dauphin, Fayette, Northampton, and Union Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 3/12/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Allegheny, Berks, Mifflin, and Montour Counties in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- 3/08/20 A Disaster Declaration was issued for Montgomery County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

03/07/20 – A Disaster Declaration was issued for Delaware County in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

01/18/19 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide Proclamation of Disaster Emergency on 01/18/19 due to a severe winter event that is expected to impact the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, causing dangerous winter weather conditions including snow, ice accumulation, and flooding.

11/27/18 – A Major Disaster Declaration was declared on 11/27/18 for severe storms and flooding that occurred 8/10/18 – 8/15/18. Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was approved for Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Lycoming, Montour, Northampton, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and Wyoming Counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA–4408-DR.

1/10/18 – The Honorable Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed a statewide disaster declaration on 1/10/2018 for the on-going heroin/opioid epidemic. It will enhance state response and increase access to treatment. The declaration is the first-of-its-kind for a public health emergency in Pennsylvania. It will utilize a command center at the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to track progress and enhance coordination of the health and public safety agencies. The declaration specifies 13 key initiatives that are the culmination of a collaboration between all state agencies, with focus on the departments of Health, Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and the Pennsylvania State Police. On 3/6/18, the governor amended this declaration to include the winter storm that began on 3/6/18.

12/2/16 – A Major Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance (Cat A-G) was declared on December 2, 2016, for Bradford, Centre, Lycoming, and Sullivan counties. In addition, all areas in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are eligible for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The designation is FEMA-4292-DR.

## **CONTIGUOUS STATE EVENTS OF POTENTIAL INTEREST TO PENNSYLVANIA:**

Delaware:Normal OperationsMaryland:Normal OperationsNew Jersey:Normal OperationsNew York:Normal OperationsOhio:Normal OperationsWest Virginia:Normal Operations

# **24-Hour Projected Weather Statewide:**

# National Weather Service, 0504 hours, 6/1/23

A large area of high pressure at the surface and aloft extended from Southeastern Canada to the Mid-Atlantic Region. This dominant weather feature will maintain generally clear skies, light wind and increasing heat to close out this week.

After a chilly start to the day with daybreak temperatures mainly in the 40s, but upper 30s in the coldest rural valleys, the air will warm quickly. Today's high temperatures will range through the 80s but could touch 90 in some of the Central Valleys.

The heat will peak Friday afternoon with highs topping 90 degrees for many locations.

Clear to partly cloudy and rain free conditions will continue through Friday in most places as well, adding to our growing rainfall deficits. The next chance for measurable rain in the form of isolated to scattered showers, is late Friday and early Friday night across the northern mountains and Pocono Region, and Saturday for any location as a cold front pushes south through the state.

Noticeably cooler air and mainly dry conditions will follow for Sunday through at least early next week.

#### **WATCHES AND WARNINGS:**

None



## TROPICAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

